ORDEALS OF SOUTHERN SOLDIER

and as the heavens were weeping the chances that their pistols could be discharged, was lessened. Besides, we were passing through a forest where the tree were very large. the trees were very large.

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But the country was entirely unknown to me and the fear that I would fail into the hands of negro troops, cetered me from making the attempt.

We were halted a few miles above Fredericksburg, and here we reformed the balance of our regiment, who were captured the first day of the fight. The ground was in sad plight, being trampled by the prisoners moving about. I left my olicloth in the trenches, where I had knelt upon it during the battle, but was fortunate enough to bunk with Houltz, who is a very heavy fall of rain during the might, we did not suffer a great deal of inconvenience from it. Early the next morning we passed through dear old Fredericksburg, whose streets had often trod when a pupil at Rappahannock Academy. Charles Dickens wrote that it was a finished town, and if this was short of the truth, the Yankees gave the finishing touch.

We crossed the river on a pontoon where erstwinkle, in better times, the Mary Washington took on freight and passengers. And now we were to crossa kind of Mesapotamia, which the in habitants call the Northern Neck. My eye soon singled out among our guards a very diminutive specimen of the

ooth by example and precept. I main tained my own self-respect, and old Polonius told his son:
"To thine own self be true

Thou cannot then be false to any

a kind of Mesapotamia, which the inhabitants call the Northern Neck. My eye soon singled out among our guards a very diminutive specimen of the genius Yankee, and well stricken in years withal. As we were not ruled down to any particular place in the procession, I soon placed myself beside him, and entered into a very friendly conversation, intending if a good opportunity presented itself to snatch his gun from his hand, overturn him and escape. But, alas: the whole route was denuded of forest.

Some have denounced me as a hypocrite for conceiving or such a plan, but history informs us that both George Western Necklet and the Point it seemed to be generally understood that those who had applied for the oath would pass out of the inclosure, where we were confined. I do not know what their ulterior destination or destiny was. For some reason, we of the faithful anticipated a great deal of fun in seeing them go out. At first they were merely jeered, but the insiders grew more venturesome, and yanked their blankets from under their arms, and ran away with them. Finally they commenced to bombard them with the pebbles, which lay thick in the streets.

TAKES HIMSELF OFF

BEFORE GUNS' SMOKE

crite for conceiving or such a plan, but history informs us that both George Washington and Thomas J. Jackson wrote letters of a misleading character and caused them to fall into the hands of the enemy. We met small bodies of men at different times going to reinforce Grant. Some of them, evidently men who had never smelled gunpowder, jerred us. These we invited to go to the front before they bragged. One very black negro youth patted his gun and said: "Dis is de medicine for you."

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tenant Harvey Marshall also was beyond reproach.

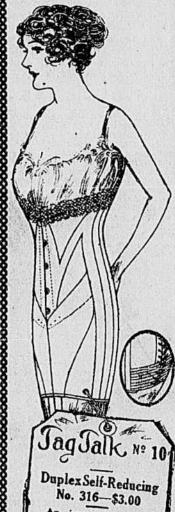
Our company, on reaching pinson, consisted of thirteen privates, the orderly sergeant and first corporal. We were assigned to a Sibley tent, which held us and a few from another company. The camp was divided into squares, the streets crossing at right angles. We were located on the main street, not very far from a large gate which led out to the bay.

A little after dark on the evening of our arrival, pandemonium broke loose. A jatrol of negroes were going the grand rounds, or something very similar to it. I think. I nover heard such a hubbut in my life. I suppose they met a prisoner in the street. The challenge was "Who come dere" (not "dar" or "thar"). "White man," said the prisoner. "What cares I for white man? Why didn't you say prisoner? One of

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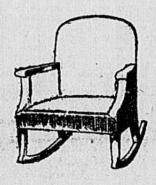
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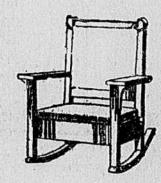
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